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1. WE TALKED FURTHER WITH CANADIAN MISSION AND SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS NOV 12 TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF THREEE-WAY DISPUTE BETWEEN UN, POLES AND CANADIANS OVER UNEF LOGISTICS. WE SEE NO READY SOLUTION TO PROBLEM, WHICH IS SERIOUSLY DELAYING GETTING UN FORCE INTO PLACE AT DESIRED STRENGTH. WE CONTINUE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR DEPT AND OTTAWA TO DISCUSS LOGISTICS PROBLEM WITH CANADIANS, POINTING OUT IMPORTANCE OF PRAGMATIC COMPROMISES TO BREAK LOG-JAM, WHILE SYMPATHIZING WITH THEIR DESIRE TO RUN MOST EFFICIENT POSSIBLE OPERATION.

2. CHIEF OF FIELD OPERATIONS SERVICE LANSKY OUTLINED DIVISION OF FUNCTIONS WHICH UN HAD TODAY PROPOSED TO CANADIANS AND POLES. TOTAL SIZE OF LOGISTICS UNIT WOULD BE 2000-2200, NUMBER TO BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN POLES AND CANADIANS. POLES WOULD UNDERTAKE ENGINEERING, ROAD TRANSPORTATION, FIELD HOSPITAL AND 20-MAN UNIT OF MP'S, AND WOULD SHARE MAINTENANCE WITH CANADIANS. CANADIAN FUNCTIONS WOULD INCLUDE AVIATION UNIT (THREE BUFFALOS, TWO-THREE HELICOPTERS--IF ISRAELIS DO NOT OBJECT, AND FALCON AIRCRAFT), SIGNALS, SUPPLY, AND, WITH POLES, HALF THE MAINTENANCE.  
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LANSKY DOUBTED THERE WAS REAL PROSPECT CANADIANS WOULD ACCEPT THIS PACKAGE, ALTHOUGH IT HAD BEEN REFERRED TO OTTAWA FOR CONSIDERATION. UN ARGUMENT HAS BEEN THAT IMPORTANT THING IS TO GET LOGISTIC UNITS IN THE FIELD WHERE PROBLEMS OF COORDINATION

CAN BE WORKED OUT PRAGMATICALLY.

3. CANADIAN MISOFF (WANG) EXPLAINED CANADIAN POSITION IN FOLLOWING TERMS. CANADIAN MILITARY REGARDED SUPPLY FUNCTION AS "SEAMLESS WHOLE." TRANSPORTATION, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY (I.E., ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT) WERE INTEGRALLY CONNECTED: TO ASSURE PROPER FLOW OF SUPPLIES, ONE HAD TO HAVE THE TRUCKS, AND THAT IN TURN WAS CLOSELY RELATED TO MAINTENANCE. CANADIANS WERE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE ALL SERVICE COMPONENTS THEMSELVES, THEY WERE ALSO AGREEABLE TO (AND HAD IN FACT PROPOSED) POLES TAKING ON ALL THREE

FUNCTIONS. POLES, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT TAKE ON SUPPLY COMPONENT, NOR WOULD THEY ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING AMERICAN TRUCKS.

4. CANADIANS SAY THEY RECOGNIZE THAT SYG IS UNDER VERY HEAVY PRESSURE FROM SIILASVUO TO GET LOGISTICS UNIT INTO PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AT SAME TIME, THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO OPERATE IN WHAT THEY REGARD AS SLAP-DASH, INEFFICIENT MANNER. THIS APPROACH STEMS PARTLY FROM TECHNICAL LOGISTICS DOCTRINE, BUT ALSO FROM FACT THAT CANADIANS HAVE HAD THEIR FINGERS BURNED BEFORE IN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS, AND ARE DETERMINED THAT THIS OPERATION WILL BE DONE RIGHT IF IT IS DONE AT ALL.  
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